

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

MINORU TAKEBE, et al.

For: PHARMACEUTICAL  
COMPOSITION FOR TREATING  
SUDDEN HEARING LOSS

Art Unit: --

Examiner: --

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**  
**UNDER 37 CFR 1.97(b)**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant for the above-identified application hereby submits legible copies of the following relevant arts along with the Form PTO-1449 which contains the information required by 37 CFR 1.98(b):

A. Reisser, Ch. et al., Ginkgo Biloba Extract EGb 761 or Pentoxifylline for the Treatment of Sudden Deafness: A Randomized, Reference-controlled, Double-blind Study, Acta Otolaryngol, 2001, Vol. 121, pages 579 to 584;

B. Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open (Kokai) No. JP 2000-281673 published by the Japanese Patent Office on October 10, 2000; and

C. European Patent Application Publication No. 0 682 877 A1 published by the European Patent Office on November 22, 1995.

Of the above-listed prior arts, the prior arts A through C are all cited in the International Search Report issued on February 24, 2004 to the PCT Application No. PCT/JP03/14891 upon which the above-identified U.S. application is filed. A copy of the Search Report is enclosed. Though the prior art B is not in the English language, the Search Report is written in English and the degree of relevance is indicated therein by way of the markings of A's along with the explanation of such markings. Accordingly, pursuant to MPEP Section 609, the requirement for a concise explanation of relevance for this non-English language prior art is satisfied and an

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English concise explanation thereof is omitted herein.

It is, therefore, hereby respectfully requested that the Patent Office make a record of these relevant arts and consider them during the examination.

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Respectfully submitted,

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